की हत्या के मामले में प्रमुख अभियुक्त, लिट्टे के नेता श्री प्रभाकरण के अते-पते के विषय में सरकार के पास कोई प्रमाणिक जानकारी नहीं है।

(ख) श्रीलंका के साथ कोई प्रत्यर्पण संधि करने का प्रस्ताव नहीं है। तथापि, श्री प्रभाकरण के प्रत्यर्पण के विषय में श्रीलंका की सरकार से औपचारिक अनुरोध किए जाने का मामला सरकार के विचाराधीन है।

Pakistan campaign against India on Kashmir issue

663. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has mounted a well orchestrated campaign against India on the Kashmir issue so much so that the western media is mentioning Kashmir along with Bosnia;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Pakistan has also stepped up in its pressure on the U.N. Human Rights sub-committee to send an observer mission to monitor human rights violation in Kashmir; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to effective, counter the Pak propagenda and what are the results achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Attempts to sponsor a resolution to this effect were made in the Trade Committee of the UNGA during its current sessions.

(c) As a result of the diplomatic efforts made by Government. Pakistan did not find the necessary support and has ultimately decided not to table the proposed resolution in the Third Committee of the UNGA.

Changes in US policy on Kashmir

664. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after Democrats came in power there is a shift in U.S. policy on Kashmir; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative what are the reasons that anti-India statements from Government circle as well as adverse press comments are coming from US recently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir. Government have noted reference to Kashmir in pronouncements by US officials which could be perceived as a certain shift in the US position over Kashmir.

(b) Not applicable.

Winding up the joint business councils

665. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry of External Affairs has initiated a move to wind up the Joint Business Councils;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) in what manner the requirement would be met in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.